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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MILITARY REORGANIZATION PLANS

REF: A. TOKYO 2949

B. TOKYO 4083 (NOTAL)

C. TOKYO 4094 (NOTAL)

1. THE INCREASING MOMENTUM OF SERVICE PLANNING AND ACTIONS CONCERNING REORGANIZATION PLANS ADDS URGENCY TO THE NEED FOR THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOJ. PLANNING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF ARMY ZUKERAN FACILITIES (REF B) AND PRESS REPORTS OF POSSIBLE MAJOR CHANGES AT SASEBO (REF C) ARE DRAMATIC EXAMPLES OF THE PROBLEMS WE ARE UP AGAINST. TODAY WE ENTER THE DESIRED NINETY DAY PERIOD OF NOTICE FOR RIFS WHICH MAY BEGIN WITH THE NEW FISCAL YEAR.

2. AS THE SERVICES PROCEED WITH THEIR REQUIRED PLANNING, MORE AND MORE PEOPLE AT LOWER ECHELON MUST BE INVOLVED AND LEAKS BECOME INEVITABLE. A FREEZE ON PLANNING APPEARS UN-
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DESIRABLE AND, IN ANY EVENT, UNWORKABLE. WE MUST INSTEAD

PROVIDE THE GOJ WITH AT LEAST A GENERAL RUNDOWN ON PROSPECTIVE CHANGES BEFORE FURTHER PUBLIC SPECULATION AND RUMORS EMERGE. QUESTIONS ABOUT U.S. INTENTIONS ACCOMPANYING THE CRISIS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA ADD NEW URGENCY TO THIS NEED.

3. EMBASSY HAS REPEATEDLY URGED THAT IT BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE GOJ WITH A COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING OF PROSPECTIVE CHANGES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A LONGER RANGE PICTURE OF U.S. SECURITY INTENTIONS. EVENTS APPEAR TO BE OVERTAKING THAT REQUEST. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY STRONGLY REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE GOJ WITH A CLASSIFIED PREVIEW OF LIKELY CHANGES AFFECTING US FORCES IN JAPAN. BELIEVE THAT WORKING WITH COMUSJ, WE CAN DEVELOP GENERAL PRESENTATION WHICH WILL GIVE GOJ SOME PICTURE OF PROSPECTIVE CHANGES WITHOUT COMMITTING USG TO SPECIFIC DETAIL. FAILURE TO DO SO AT ONCE WILL PUT BOTH THE US AND GOJ IN AN INCREASINGLY EMBARRASSING POSITION AS OUR OWN ACTIVITIES STIMULATE SPECULATION ABOUT THE VARIOUS CHANGES NOW UNFOLDING.
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